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TO AMEMBASSY NICOSIA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT NIACT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR PINS LE

SUBJECT: FSO VISIT TO CHRISTIAN-CONTROLLED LEBANON

REF: SECTO 21001

1. DJEREJIAN PARTY WILL BRING INTO JOUNIEH ONE RPT ONE SET OF SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS GEAR REFERRED TO IN REFTEL. PRESENT PLANNING IS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH EMBASSY BEIRUT SOMETIME AFTER ARRIVAL TO CONFIRM THAT COMMUNICATIONS THIS CHANNEL ARE WORKABLE. THEREAFTER WE EXPECT THAT THIS CHANNEL WOULD BE USED ONLY IN EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THEN PRIMARILY WHEN DJEREJIAN PARTY WANTS TO TRANSMIT SOMETHING.

2. BEIRUT SHOULD CABLE NICOSIA AND DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED TIME PERIODS FOR INITIAL TESTS. TO MINIMIZE RISKS OF EXPOSURE, BELIEVE BEIRUT SHOULD REFRAIN FROM TRYING TO TRANSMIT EXCEPT WHEN REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT DJEREJIAN PARTY IS IN HOTEL OR OTHER PLACE WHERE PRIVACY IS POSSIBLE.
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THIS MIGHT MEAN, PRACTICALLY SPEAKING, BEFORE 0700 AND AFTER

2300.

3. ASSUME HUNT OR LANE, OR BOTH, WILL BE MONITORING BEIRUT
END THIS CHANNEL, TO MINIMIZE RESPONSE TIME AND RISKS OF
EXPOSURE.

4. FOR NICOSIA: DJEREJIAN HAS LEBANESE MULTI-ENTRY VISA
BUT MULVEY AND FRATODDI DO NOT. TRY TO GET VISAS FOR THEM
ON MONDAY FROM LEBANESE CONSUL. IF NOT POSSIBLE, WE ASSUME
THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM GETTING ENTRY VISAS AT JOUNIEH
PORT.

BEIRUT: ADVISE NICOSIA IF YOU BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE
PROBLEM.

5. AFTER DJEREJIAN PARTY IS ENROUTE TO JOUNIEH, REMOVE
STADIS CAPTION FROM ALL TRAFFIC TO EASE BEIRUT COMMUNICA-
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